

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1-71. (Canceled)

72. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition for topical application to a substrate, said composition comprising: an oil-in-water emulsion substantially free of lipophilic solvent and formed by mechanical inversion of a water-in-oil emulsion and an active agent comprising a protein incorporated into said ~~emulsion, emulsion, wherein said emulsion has a hydrophilic phase comprising said active agent, water, and a carrier, and a hydrophobic phase comprising a silicone component.~~

73. (Canceled)

74. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 [[73]] further comprising a surfactant between said hydrophilic and hydrophobic phases.

75. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 [[73]] wherein said carrier is selected from the group of glycerin, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, poloxamer, alcohol, polyhydric alcohol, water, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and combinations thereof.

76. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 [[73]] wherein said carrier is in solution with said water.

77. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 wherein said protein is an enzyme.

78. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 77 wherein said

enzyme is selected from the group of natural enzymes, synthetic enzymes, engineered enzymes, and combinations thereof.

79. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 77 wherein said enzyme is selected from the group of oxidoreductases, transferases, isomerases, ligases, hydrolases, cutinases, oxidases, reductases, hemicellulases, esterases, pectinases, lactases, peroxidases, laccases, catalases, ~~antibodies, polypeptides, peptides, hormones, cytokines, growth factors, biological modulators,~~ and combinations thereof.

80. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 77 wherein said enzyme comprises Protease A, Protease B, or LG12.

81. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 74 further comprising a dispersing agent for dispersing said active agent.

82. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 81 wherein said dispersing agent comprises a silicone-based surfactant different from said surfactant.

83. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 ~~[[73]]~~ wherein said silicone component is selected from the group consisting of a silicone gum, a silicone rubber, a silicone elastomer, a silicone resin, high molecular weight silicones, silicone emulsions, and combinations thereof.

84. (Currently Amended) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 ~~[[73]]~~ wherein said silicone component comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive.

85. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 84 wherein said pressure sensitive adhesive comprises the reaction product of; a hydroxy endblocked polydimethylsiloxane polymer, and a hydroxy functional silicate resin.

86. (Previously Presented) A controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 85 wherein said

hydroxy functional silicate resin is further defined as a trimethylsiloxy and hydroxy endblocked silicate resin.

87. (Previously Presented) A controlled release composition as set forth in claim 72 in the form of a multi-layer dressing for topical application to a substrate, said dressing comprising: (A) a controlled-release layer formed from said controlled-release composition of claim 72; (B) an adhesive layer disposed adjacent said controlled-release layer for adhering said dressing to the substrate; and (C) an additional layer selected from the group of a backing layer, a cushioning layer, an absorbent layer, a second adhesive layer, and combinations thereof.

88. (Previously Presented) A controlled release composition as set forth in claim 87 wherein said controlled-release layer is adjacent the substrate and said additional layer is disposed adjacent said adhesive layer spaced from said controlled-release layer.

89. (Previously Presented) A controlled release composition as set forth in claim 87 wherein said controlled-release layer is dry in said dressing such that said controlled-release layer is free of water after said controlled-release layer is formed by said controlled-release composition.

90. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~ A method of delivering the controlled release composition of claim 72 to a substrate comprising:
applying the controlled release composition to a dressing; and
applying the dressing to the substrate, ~~for the manufacture of a multi-layer dressing for topical application.~~

91. (New) The controlled-release composition as set forth in claim 72 wherein said protein is selected from the group of antibodies, polypeptides, peptides, hormones, cytokines, growth factors, biological modulators, and combinations thereof.